Statement

(Rs. in crores)

Station/Scheme	Amount sanctioned in 94-95	Expend. incurred upto 31-1-95	Present progress upto 12/94	Scheduled date of completion
AGRA :				
(a) Expansion of Terminal Building	2.40	..	Tender Under finalisation	May, 97
(b) Widening of taxiway . .	0 03	0.13	Completed in March, 1994	
(c) Installation of DVOR & DME	2.70	2.44	Eqpt. received & Civil & Electrical works are being done by MES	Feb, 96
LUCKNOW :				
(a) Turning Pad . . .	0.75	0.61	Work under execution. Present over-all progress is 60%.	May, 95
(b) Resurfacing of runway apron & taxiway	0.36	0.07	Completed in November, 1994	
(c) Construction of new Terminal Building	1.50	3.01	Work under execution. Present overall progress is 68%.	July

Demand of Private Airlines

166. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJ-RAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private! airlines have demanded a number of flying concessions, cuts in fuel for further liberalisation of the Aviation Industry? and

(b) what are the details of the demands submitted by the Private Airlines and wha is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHU-LAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Requests of the Private Airlines which are] under examination pertain to (1) Reduction of Aviation Turbine Fuel prices *(2)* Abolition of Inland Air Trael Tax (IATT) (3) Reducion in Custom duty (4) Exemption of withholding tax and (5) Guidelines for grant of permission to Scheduled Airlines to operate as Scheduled Operators.

Staff complaints in the Indira Gandhi Airport

167. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI;
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the editorial published in the Punjab Kesri of Februady 16, 1995 and if so, what is the reaction of Gov ernment thereto;

(b) whether there is any mechanism to monitor the complaints of the staff of

various agencies in the Indira Gandhi Airport and what is the number of complaints received in 1994; and

(c) what are the details of action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AMD TOURISM (SHRI GHULAMJSABI AZAD): (a) to (c) yes, Sir. There have been certain allegations of misbehaviour against some official com-plaints of congestion in the terminal building and charging of higher rates' by porters at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGlA).

With a view to remove congestion, the Internafldnal Airports Authority of India would be remodelling the entrance, increasing the number of aircraft parkng bays, expanding the car park and upgrade various facilities in the existing terminal to ensure smooth movements of passengers in and out of the terminal building.

As regards complaints, it may be mentioned that a Complaint Book, is kept with the Airport Manager and is available . at alt times for recording of complaints which are investigated and discussed in monthly Airport Coordination Committee meetings.

Total of 12 complaints were registered in 1994. These were investigated and action taken against officials wherever required.

Effect of hike In Airfare on tourism in Teirpura

168. SHRI SUDHIR RANIAN MAHJMPAR: Will the Master of CIVIL *AVIATION* AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the like in air fare will adversely effect th*e* promotion of Tourism in Ttipwa;

(b) whether Government are also aware the Agartala has no Railway line;

(c) wtether Government *are* aware that an irregular and toy railway service from Knmarghat to Assam is there and Kumarghat is more than one, hundred kilometers away from Agartala;

(d) wether it is a fact that without direct, easy dependable system of com munication, tourism cannot be develop ed; and

(e) what steps Government have take*n* to promote Tourism fa this farming but truly attractive for tourists State?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATED**AS© TOURISM (SHRI GRU-LAM NABI AZAD) :(a) *Domestic,* air fare in India, are among the lowest in the world, arid are uneconomic fit relation to the cost of operatibn. Fares, in! the Cafcutta-Agartata sector are 'still about 22 per cent lower than fares on comparative" sectors in other parts of the country.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) There is a regular meter gauge train service from Kumarghat, to Tripura, there is a proposal to connect Knmarghat to Agartala by railwayline for which field work has been completed and sur-ey report is expected to be received in 1995-96. Thereafter a decision in this regard win be taken in consultation with the Manning commission.

Development of Tourism in port Blair

ISP. DR. SANJAYA SINH: will the Minister of CIVILVBJ AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pont Blair Happens to be the most beautiful place in the world and it can attract large number of tourist;

(b) if so,the details of the stens so far taken for its development and the number of tourists (both Indians and foreigners) who visited this Island .during the 1st two years and with what results and